

# *Desert Marigold School*

## **Garden Assistant**

### *Job Description*

**Job Purpose Statement:** *To support maintenance and development of a productive community farm and gardens. Assist the Garden Teacher to support student work within the gardens as well as the individual curricular gardens throughout the campus.*

**Hourly Rate** 11.25+ (DOE)

**Hours:** 10+ (TBD) hours per week.

#### **Qualifications:**

- Ability to provide hands-on assistance with our productive community farm and garden, including the orchard and edible landscaping spread throughout the campus.
- Commitment to learn about and incorporate biodynamic practices.
- Strong organizational skills.
- Strong communication skills.
- Experience working with students and adults
- AZ DPS Fingerprint Clearance Card

#### **Essential Job Functions:**

- Support a safe and beautiful farm and garden areas that nurture and bring people together.
- Be able to work with a network of volunteers.
- Support Desert Marigold's intent to develop a Seed To Table program.
- Support sustainable practices around composting, soil preparation, irrigation, planting, cultivation, harvesting, seed-saving and incorporation of animals.
- Attend monthly staff meeting and other meetings as required.

#### **Skills, Knowledge, and/or Abilities Required:**

##### **Skills:**

- Basic knowledge of the safe and proper use of garden tools; i.e. shovels, axes, saws

##### **Knowledge:**

- Knowledge of Waldorf education and public school operations.
- Knowledge and curiosity of Biodynamic Gardening

##### **Ability**

- Relate to and motivate children
- Consistent positive demeanor in working with students, staff, parents and the community.

##### **Physical Demands:**

- Outside in all temperatures (including over 100° and lower than 50°)
- comfortable with ALL animals, the care of and handling of the resulting by-product
- Frequent: Standing, walking
- Occasional: Sitting, lifting (40lbs) and carrying

**Licenses, Certifications, Bonding and/or Testing Required:** AZ DPS Level One Fingerprint Clearance Card, Clear TB Test